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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed November 20, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 15-60.

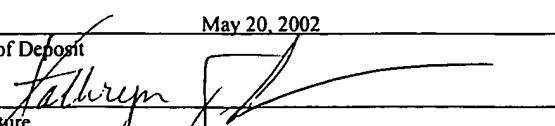
Please amend claims 8 and 12 as follows:

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-- 8. (Amended) A Protein C or Activated Protein C polypeptide comprising a GLA domain, said GLA domain having at least one amino acid substitution at residues 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 29, 33, 34, 35 or 36, wherein said at least one amino acid substitution enhances membrane binding affinity and activity of said polypeptide relative to a protein C or activated protein C polypeptide having the Gla domain of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said GLA domain comprises at least 35 unsubstituted residues, and wherein all of said unsubstituted residues correspond to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

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12. (Twice Amended) The polypeptide of claim 11, wherein said at least one amino acid substitution further comprises a glutamic acid residue at amino acid 36 (corresponding to amino acid position 35 of SEQ ID NO:1). --

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